(SRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA)

(*c*) Steps have been taken to build up buffer stocks of rice and jowar and impose restrictions on the movement of Foodgrains out side the State in order to conserve the available foodgrains so as to meet the demands during the lean periods of the year.

It is also proposed to introduce informal rationing by stages in the industrial Cities and Towns and in important places to meet the demands of the vulnerable section of the population.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) By Both.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) About Rs. 30 Crores.

Shortage of Foodgrains in the State.

*Q—346- Sri K. P. REVANNASIDDAPPA (Tiptur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the reasons for the shortage of foodgrains in the State;
(*b*) the steps taken by them to meet this shortage ?

A.—Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) (i) Failure of rains in certain parts of the State and consequent fall in agricultural production.

(ii) Restrictions placed on the movement of rice from Andhra Pradesh to Mysore and other foodgrains from State to State.

(iii) Increase in population.

(*b*) (i) The State Government are building up buffer stocks of rice and jowar.

(ii) They have decided to introduce informal rationing by stages in Urban pockets and in areas in which there is concentrated labour population.

(iii) They have issued several regulatory and control orders in respect of foodgrains.

(iv) Provision has been made in the Third Five-Year Plan for increased agricultural production, particularly of foodgrains in order to achieve self-sufficiency in food.

(v) Two Centrally sponsored Schemes-one for Organisation of Consumers Co-operative Societies in Urban areas with a population of 50,000 and above and another for distri-

bution of consumer articles in Rural areas through Co-operative Marketing Societies, are under implementation.

(vi) In pursuance of the policy laid down by the Government of India, steps have been taken to set up Fair Price Shops in Industrial Undertakings employing more than 300 workers.

Purchase of Foodgrains.

*Q.—372. Sri S. SIVAPPA (Sravanabelagola).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the quantity of foodgrains Government intend to purchase to build up a buffer stock in the State ;

(*b*) what is the agency through which they want to make the purchase ;

(*c*) from where they want to purchase it ;

(*d*) where they want to stock the foodgrains ;

(*e*) the rate at which they have decided to purchase it ;

(*f*) whether any selling rate has been fixed for all the varieties and kinds of grains and if so, what are they ?

*A.—Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Government expect that they would be able to purchase 1.5 lakh tonnes of paddy and 1 lakh tonnes of jowar.

(*b*) (i) Departmental agency ;
(ii) Co-operative Societies ;
(iii) Licensed Millers ;
(iv) Association of Licensed Millers or Merchants ;
(v) Individual merchants.

(*c*) (i) At the Farm or the place where where the producer holds the stocks ;
(ii) At the assembling market or Mandy or at the rice mill.

(*d*) In Godowns of—
(1) State and Central Governments ;
(2) Co-operative Societies ;
(3) Central and State Warehousing Corporations ;
(4) Rice Mills ;
(5) Hired Private Godowns.